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UNION FREIGHT HANDLERS OF U. S. STRIKE

Nation-wide Affair Involves Near 20,000 Men — Teamsters May Follow Suit.

Every union freight handler in the United States was called out on strike at noon today. Between 15,000 and 20,000 men are affected.

Only waiting the call of the freight handlers, the union teamsters of Chicago have declared their willingness to strike and effectually tie up all traffic in the freight warehouses.

The nation-wide strike of the freight handlers was called to force the 24 railroads entering Chicago to grant the demands of members of the local union for increased wages and better working conditions.

It was threatened last week when the railroads refused to treat with the men on two arbitration propositions that were advanced, declaring that they were not affected by the strike. It is believed that the general walkout will force them to recognize the union and enter into negotiations with them.

So far there has been no violence in the strike and quiet has

reigned in the vicinity of the several local freight houses. Four hundred policemen were detailed to strike duty at the strike's inception, but have not made a single arrest.

Should the teamsters strike, as they have threatened to do, the railroads will be in desperate straits.

President Flannery of the freight handlers gave out a state-

HOW THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD STANDS

Baton Rouge, La., May 22.—Following is a statement of conditions in country devastated by Mississippi flood:

Mellville.—Under seven feet of water. Houses swept away. Residents fleeing.

Franklin — Famous Bayou Teche, scene of Longfellow's Evangeline, overflowing, and spreading disaster in this section.

Beula, Miss.—Area with population of 40,000, under water, from break here. Panther Forest, Alsatia and Salem crevasses now one mile wide. Mississippi has changed course here.

Plaucheville—Town flooded. Residents fleeing. Sisters and students of St. Joseph school forced to take to skiffs.